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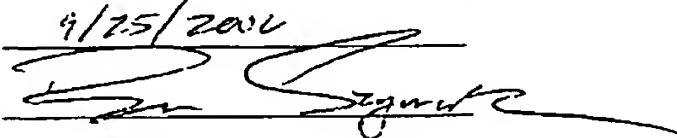
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This filing is responsive to the Office Action dated May 25, 2006 setting a three month period for reply. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time; Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 50-0359 for the extension fee and any other required fees.

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